



SCHOOL MEAL AWARD -- Katie Bark, Montana Team Nutrition Program Director presents Saco Superintendent Gordon Hahn and Saco School Cook Jeanette Salveson with the Healthier Montana Menu Challenge Award Tuesday morning. Shown are the Saco staff members involved in the nutrition program: Diane Eklund, Salveson, Vicki McNamara-Ellsworth, Margo Salveson, Rose Teske, Melanie Majerus, Kayla Sudduth and Joyce Erickson,

Saco wins prestigious award

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Saco Schools has joined a prestigious group of only four schools in Montana to win the *Healthier Montana Menu Challenge Award* for their exceptional school breakfast program.

The school cafeteria, under the direction of Food Service Director Jeanette Salveson, serves 25 breakfasts and 70 lunches each school day.

The breakfasts usually include fresh fruit, freshly baked whole grain bread, lean proteins, low fat dairy foods and healthy cereal choices.

The school received a letter acknowledging the award from Senator Max Baucus, which was read to those attending an award

breakfast and ceremony Tuesday morning by Superintendent Gordon Hahn.

Katie Bark, director of the Montana Team Nutrition Program, read a letter from Montana Superintendent of Schools Denise Juneau.

Juneau praised Saco for “setting a great example for other schools to follow by giving students a healthy start to their day, supporting local food producers and encouraging good eating habits that will last a lifetime.”

Bark then presented Salveson and the school employees involved with the food service program with a plaque, an award banner to display in the lunch room and a \$500 monetary award.